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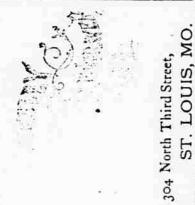
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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS.

BY ADELAIDS A. PROCTER. The earth is bleak and deserted, So cold the winds blow, Timt no bud or blossom will venture

To peep from below; Deep under the snow. Oh, in May how we honored Our Lady, Her own month of flowers!

How happy we were with our garlands Through all the spring hours! All her shrines, in the church or the way Were mule into bowers.

And in August—her glorious Assumption What fend was so bright! What clusters of virginal lilies, Why, the incense could scarce overpowe

And through her dear feasts of October The roses bloomed still; Our baskets were laden with flowers Oleanders, geraniums, and myriles, We chose at our will.

Perfume that night.

And we know when the purification Her first feast comes round, The early spring flowers, to greet it, Just opening are found; And pure, white, and spotless, the sr

Will pierce the dark ground. And now, in this dreary December, Our glad hearts are fain To see if ear h comes not to help us; We seek all in vain: Not the tinlest blossom is coming

Till Spring breathes again . And the bright feast of Christmas is day And Mary is blest; For now she will give us her Jesus,

Our dearest, our best,

And see where she stands, the maid-m Her pabe on har breast! And not one poor garland to give her, How the kings bring their gifts-myrrh and

n c psc. And bars of pure gold; And the shepherds , ave brought for Some Lambs from their fold He stretches Histiny hands toward us,

He ortugen us all grace; And look at the mother who holds Him-The simile on her face Says they welcome the numblest gifts In the manger we place. Where love takes, let love give; and so

doubt not: Love counts but the will, And the heart has its flowers of devotion No Winter can call; They who cared for "good-will" that fire Will care for it still.

In the chaplet on Jesus and Mary, From our hearts lettus call, At each Ave-Maria we whisper A rose-bud shall fall, And at each Gloria Patri a lify, The crown of them all!

Birth of Christ. Hail, all hall the joyful morn! T. Il it forth from earth to heaven That to us a child is born, Angels, bending from the sky, "Glory be to God on high,

Join we then our feeble lays To the chorus of the sky; And, in songs of grateful praise,

A Story from the German.

Glory give to God on high.

LITTLE COTTFRIED.

Based on a Poem by Buckheart. It is Christmas Eve-the eve of joy of Holy angels over this city to-night? and gladness throughout the Chris- I have no one left to me now but tian world. A little child, all lonely, Him." And, with clasped hands and

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companious and for human sympathy.

Have the first and the least sensitive among us.

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Others by a bishop. A cross is cut in the as one of the youthful company, at carth, both for beauty, and smell, and the shinning lights and the varied when she saw a thomas feliue elevate his back: "Oh! wouldn't he make a pagan origin, and refer to the beaupraise the same. Witness my hand, this day and this day and this day and the wind the shinning lights and the varied by a bishop. A cross is cut in the new-found treasure, the wise men with their gifts, the wondering, curi-light that hung upon the tree, and distributed when she saw a thomas feliue elevate his back: "Oh! wouldn't he make a ovely bustle!"

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strange city where to turn to for a [St. James' Christmas Magazine. night's lodging, however humble, were it only a hay-loft or a stable. Tired and heart-sick, at length he crouched down under the shadow of an old church-porch, and strove to warm his frozen limbs, and to seek lug, at a merry company of children from the hand of "nature's kind assembled round that pretty German, nurse," sleep, forgetfulness of his toy, a Cristmas-tree. The tree was present misery. And sleep was near planted in the middle of a great to him; yes, very near! In memory I-e sat once more again their heads. It was brilliantly light-

upon his mother's kuce, and listened ed by a multitude of little tapers; and once more to her sweet, gentle voice, everywhere sparkled and glittered as she told him the wonderful story with bright objects. There were of that first Christmast Eve, when rosy-cheeked dolls, hiding behind the Savior of the World first appear- the green leaves; there were real ed as a babe in the manger of the watches (movable hands, at least, and humble inn at Bethlehem; of the an endless capacity of being wound louely shepherds keeping watch over up) daugling from innumerable their flocks by night upon the hill- twigs; there were French-polished side; of the sudden bursting on their tables, chairs, bedsteads, wardrobes, sights of multitudes of beautiful and and eight-day clocks, and various heavenly beings-those herald-angels other articles of domestic furniture singing for the first time since the (wonderfully made in tin at Wolvercreation that glorious Birth-Day hampton), perched among the boughs, Hymn, which is sung evermore from as if in preparation for some fairy that day to this, "Glory to God in the housekeeping; there were jolly, Highest." And then came back, bit broad-faced little men, much more should be clear and cold, with hollyby bit, to his memory the oft-told agreeable in appearance than many branches in berry, a blazing fire, a tales of the Holy Child's life, of fast- real men-and no wonder, for their dinner with mince-pies, and games ing, and temptation, and trial, and heads took off, and showed them to and forfeits in the evening. You can suffering, of poverty, of loneliness, of be full of sugar-plums; there were not have it in perfection if you are betrayal in the end, of His love for fiddles and drums; there were tam- very fine and fashionable. Neither all, especially for little children; and bourines, books, work-boxes, paint- alas! can it be enjoyed by the very how, through the cruel death which boxes, sweetment-boxes, peep-show poor; so that, in fact, a perfect Christ He suffered, He purchased for all boxes, all kinds of boxes; there were mas is impossible to be had till the

who would receive it at his hands a trinkets for the elder girls, far bright- progress of things has distributed long, long life beyond the grave- er than any grown up gold and jew- comfort more equally. But, when how He had left a bright example for els; there was baskets and pincushions we do our best, we are privileged to all to tread in His footsteps; and, in all devices; there were guns, swords, enjoy our utmost; and charity gives having finished the work of love and banners; there were witches us a right to hope. The completest upon earth, had gone back to his standing in enchanted rings of paste- enjoyer of Cristmas (next to a lover nome above the blue sky to prepare board, to tell fortunes; there were who has received forfeits from his a beautiful place, and had promised teetetums, humming-tops, needle- mistress), is the holiday school-boy that all who should do llis will on cases, pen-wipers, smelling-bottles, who springs up early, like a bird

will He not cast one look upon me wild adornments at that well-remem- conclusion of enjoyment. here in these dark, cold, dreary bered time. streets, as He passes with His band

To feel wretched, and lonely, and neglected, when all around us are happy and rejoicing, is a bitter trial beyond the other-so far, and yet so celebrate His birth, and renew our "think of others!"

on their guests and distributing the and bended knees, all stiff and frozen, presents, while Gretchen, Hans, and crouching down in the porch. Thor Mary, Fritz, Karl, and Emma, a'l touched him and spoke to him, but shouted and danced for joy around he gave no answer. The frost had the beautiful gifts which their done its work. They tried to raise Christmas-tree had brought them him; but he was stiff and dying!

this year. All were happy. And no one, old or young, could dream that I saw him again that day. He was one of the Christ-Child's little ones dying, oh! so happily. In he evenwas starving at their very doors! | ing he was at rest-better off than The child drew a sigh, and went those children who had danced last wearily on 1 for he knew not in that evening around the Christmas-tree .-

A Christmas-Tree.

BY CHARLES DICKENS.

I have been looking on, this evenround table, and towered high above earth should share His happiness in conversation cards, bouquet-holders; durting hither and thither, out of

real fruit, made artificially dazzling sheer delight, thinks of his mince-And had not his mother taught him with gold-leaf; imitation apples, over and over again that the Christ-pears, and walnuts, crammed sur- of them when they come (pardon him mas-tree, with its brilliant lights, its prises; in short, as a pretty child be- this once), roasts chestnuts and cuts golden and and silver fruits, its beau- fore me delightfully whispered to apples half the evening, is conscioutiful toys, and other precious gifts, another pretty child, her bosom of his new silver in his pocket, and was but a faint type of the great and friend, "There was everything and laughs at every piece of mirth with a countless biessings which the Babe of more." This motley collection of loudness that rises above every other the highest of all possible prices? like magic fruit, and flashing back will not buy! what string, what nuts, Saturnalia, another was evidently of kins W. Watson, one of the oldest And was He not this night, with a band of angels, revisiting the carth once more, a Child among children rejoicing in their happiness, and loving and blessing all those whom He were languishing in timid wonder on may find starving, to follow in His steps?

on a level with the table, and a few with the table, and a few were languishing in timid wonder on the cheerful cup was passed round. In the bosoms of pretty mothers, aunts, and this mother will tell him they are not what remains to modern times of a member of the legislature, and filled and nurses—made a lively realization good for him—and let him go on.

Christmas-gambols then commenced: both offices with honor. He was "I love Him, too," thought the of the fancies of childhood; and set A Christmas evening should if pos- and ancient Christian plays are still born in Buckingham county, Virgin-

Christmas.

were dead, and in their graves; and show you the depth and the riches of upon an ocean-wave. The son of Plato (and not without reason), that ping about with joyous faces, and the following toast: "Woman-The morn he had come out and wandered to a My love toward all who love Me and God, Savior of the world, Redeemer there is something "divine" in them, tale, the dance, and the game, the largestar of infancy, the day star of strange, strange place, where no one try to serve Me and do My will. I of Israel, was sent in His infancy, not that is to say, something partaking have marked and noted all your to the Roman governor or the Jewish of a more energetic and visible porto give him relief, or to pour kind earthly sorrows. I have seen your high-priest, but to Joseph and Mary, tion of the mysterious spirit breathed smiles of delighted parents, comple- be kept at telescopic distances." words into his car. Alone, in that patient grief when all around you to be reared in their humble home, into mankind, how much more, and fed the general satisfaction. words into his ear. Alone, in that patient grief when all around you to be easted in their manner, and city's "crowded loneliness"—how ut- were so glad this night; and now I to labor with and for them till His with how much more reverential a A topergot so much on his stomach Florence says, where they show two terly lonely Gottfried was! Even will give you such a joy as it has higher calling was ready and he must love, ought we not to have a divine im-

"A Merry Christmas."

BY GEORGE COOPER. Early in the rosy morning On my way I go, Freighted with my happy heart,

And crunching through the snow F Braring, too, a precious burden It sped with hearty cheer, To wish a merry Christmas And a bappy New-Year Here's a plump and heavy gobbles t

Mark his fallen crest ! Battles from their port-holes peopleg-All to guard the rest ! Womier if the purson's dozing ! Won't be think it queer? Hurrah for merry Christmas I And a happy New Year !

Snow ! Snow ! velvet snow,

Everywhere you see;

Earth is like a frosted pound-cake. So it seems to me! Hark! the village-bells are chiming Singing loud and clear-And a hoppy New-Year !" Why, the very winds are jolly,

Piping in delight; Seems to be a new earth sent us While we slept at night ! Don't look half so drear. And a happy New-Year !

"Pedee on earth, good-will to men!" That was the text I heard : So I tender my "good-will" As cherry as a bird! To everybody here ; A m rry, merry Christmas,

And a happy New-Year !" A Parfect Christmas. BY LEIGH HUNT. A Christmas day, to be perfect,

dearly. I wear His cross upon my grow, and all the things that come off the excitement without abrupt- man's-buff, hunt-the-slipper, the tinction at l'aclotteville, and afterforehead, and I bear His name; and into existence on the earth, have their ness, and sheds a repose over the game of the goose, snap-dragon, wards read medicine with Dr. A word respecting the more seri- gether with forfeits, dancing, etc., Kentucky, and Dr. Drake of Cincinous part of the day's subject alluded form the amusements of the younger nati, and graduated as an M. D. at to above. It is but a word, but it part of the assemblage. In some por- the Ohio Medical college. He had may sow a seed of reflection in some tions of England the yule-log will been in active practice for upwards of Centuries ago there came unto the of the best natures, especially in these crackle on the blazing hearth, while thirty years. He came to Pettis is wandering up and down through streaming eyes, the orphan prayed to watchful shepherds of Judea a vision days of perplexity between new doc- the foaming tankards pass merrily county in 1839 and located as a phythe streets of a fair old German city, his Father in heaven that he might such as never before nor since glad-NEW SALOON.
the streets of a fair old German city, his Father in heaven that he might looking wistfully up at the bright not quite be forgotten on this Holy and holy, had cast its veil over hill windows, and stopping every and eve of Christmas tide.

The streets of a fair old German city, his Father in heaven that he might dened mortal eyes. Night, peaceful there is a point never enough dwelt and in many a household this night returned to this county and resumed upon, if at all, by those who attempt and in many a household this night returned to this county and resumed. windows, and stopping every and eve of Christmas tide.

and holy, had east its veil over hill upon, if at all, by those who attempt and in many a household this night returned to this county and resumed to bring about a reconciliation be- blind-man's-buff and other festive practice. He will be buried to-morst. Louis Beer Always on Hand. the voices of other children. Here blew sharp and keen down the street; far glorious homes; the sounds of tween belief and the want of it. It is games will speed the evening—while row with Masonic honors. and there, as he stands before some and his eyes, which had gazed so busy life were stilled and those low-THE BEST WHISKY TO BE HAD IN THE CITY.

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John Wotaks are more or less surrounded by happy faces, ou whom the Christmas lights reflect, for the time at least, a passing gleam of brightness and joy. Well, "Christmas comes but once a year" in Germany or in England either! In the world's history. Not in Germany or in England either! throbs wildly within his breast, with the boar little stranger-we will mingled feelings of hope and fear; event in the world's history. Not call him Gottfried—as he stood alone call him Gottfried—as he stood alone call him Gottfried—as he stood alone call him granders and gorgeous temples call him granders and granders and gorgeous temples call him granders and gorgeous temples call him granders and granders and granders and granders are granders an in that gay street, was sad enough at the majesty of whose beauty and did they carry the glad tidings, but Greeks, and the patriotism of the but we can look back with pleasure heart. On this night at the least, of glory no human pon can describe. In the poor and lowly; and He, Romans, which was so often a mere upon many a Christmas festive scene.

There was an eclipse of the moon all the 365 nights in the year, every other boy and girl seemed to have some joy or other prepared for him some joy or ot tice. Now so great an event must have been in the contemplation of the Christmas-fire, which, when the "durined fool of a neighbor's barn some joy or other prepared for him Me in your distress, and I have heard or for her. He only out of all was neglected—nobody thought of him or cared for him. His father and mother cared for him above the heaven of heavens—to from above the heaven of heavens—to first manifestation; and if we say, even of a Shakespeare and a special care for him the contemplation of the Christmas-are, which, when the cared fool of a neighbor's barn providence—one of the mountaintended to be for the contemplation of the Christmas-are, which, when the cared fool of a neighbor's barn tops of its manifestation; and if we say, even of a Shakespeare and a special care for him the contemplation of the Christmas-are, which, when the cared fool of a neighbor's barn tops of its manifestation; and if we say, even of a Shakespeare and a special care for him the contemplation of the Christmas-are, which, when the cared fool of a neighbor's barn tops of its manifestation; and if we say, even of a Shakespeare and a special care for him the contemplation of the Christmas-are, which, when the cared fool of a neighbor's barn tops of its manifestation; and if we say, even of a Shakespeare and a special care for him the contemplation of the Christmas-are, which, when the cared fool of a neighbor's barn tops of its manifestation; and if we say, even of a Shakespeare and a special care for him the contemplation of the chimses are cared for him the contemplation of the chimses are cared for him the contemplation of the chimses are cared for him the contemplation of the chimses are cared for him the contemplation of the chimses are cared for him the contemplation of the chimses are cared for him the contemplation of the chimses are cared for him the contemplation of the chimses are cared for him the contemplation of the chimses are cared for him the chimses are cared for him the contemplation of the chimses

terly lonely Gottfried was! Even will give you such a joy as it has the holy Christ-Child, who so loved the holy Christ-Child, who so loved and cared for all, and especially the heart of any other child, to condished; and now, through a line of the great line between the narplished; and now, through a line of the great line between the narplished; and now, through a line of the great line between the narplished; and now, through a line of the great line between the narplished; and now, through a line of the great line between the narplished; and now, through a line of the great line between the narplished; and now, through a line of the great line between the narplished; and the long that the long the lamp post veniting, a little dog happlished; and now, through a line of rowness of the Old World and the pened to stop by him, whereupon he for little children, on this the anni- ceive."

versary of His birth-night, even He | He ceased, and pointed upward. | The centuries of the New, and utter- indulged in this soliloquy: "Well, | A man cloped from Emporia, Kanversary of His birth-night, even He seemed, and pointed upward.

Seemed to have forgotten him.

He ceased, and pointed upward.

Well, A man cropsu from Emporia, Raned to the carth, through the angelical now, here's a conundrum. I know sas, the other day with two women.

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Origin of Christmas Cifts.

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Christmas Ceremonies.

Christmas-gifts had their origin in The Christmas-tree, on Christmas-ie Roman Paganalia, which was in-eve, in Germany and the north of Euor the regarding fullius, n. c. 550. rope, as also very extensively in On these festivals, celebrated at the beginning of the year, an altar was in the eyes and imaginations of all erected in every village, and to the children, and, in fact, forms the box placed upon it every man, grandest feature in the festal season woman and child, was, expected to of Christmas among the northern Eucontribute a coin. Aubrey speaks of ropesn nations, being often called pot in which Roman coins were the Children's Festival. The Christfound, and supposed to be one of mas tree seems to be a very ancient these Paganalian ressels. The christ-custom in Germant-a remnant, mas Bod naturally arose from this probably, of the splendid and fanciful pagan New-Year's-box. There is an pageants of the middle ages. The impressive propriety and tender custom was early introduced into beauty, however, in thus commemo- this country by the German immirating the event which gave a Divine grants, but was hardly known to Redeemer to a lost world—the great-est gift that is conceivable to man-kind. It is, moreover, an equally-appropriate custom which makes the to have been done by a German in season one, not only of composing the household of Queen Caroline, and forgetting old quarrels, and renewing and confirming friendships, happy Christmas-trees after her marbut for a universal manifestation of ringe in 1795. The custom did not generosity and charity from the rich become general there till Prince Alto the poor -in olden times this bene- bert came over from Germany to be ficence being extended even to the the husband of Queen Victoria, and lower animals, a practice to which since then it has become almost unf-Burns alludes in "The Auld Far- versal in that country.

Of all times in the year, the Christ-Christmas Fifty Years Ago. mas tide is that at which hearts and In Niles's Register of January 17, purse-strings should open widest in thoughts and deeds of charity. 1818, we find the following : "The Those should give who never gave different manner in which the anniversary of the Nativity is observed in different parts of the United States is worthy of remark. In Boston it more. Some of our overflow of hapseems to have been partially observed piness should not fail to reach the on the 25th ult., by a recommenda- poor and miscrable, whom Santa on the 25th uit., by a recommendation in the public papers to abstain from business, and by some concerts of sacred music in the evening. In New York some of the stores were when with so little so much happi-

shut up; but the theatre was open in ness may be brought about. the evening, and Mr. Cooper played The beautiful spirit of beneficence George Barnwell. In Philadelphia has endeared Christmas-day to the about one-half of the people paid poor and the young. What a joyous some attention to the day; but in time it brings to the heart of child-Baltimore, and to the southward of hood! And how pleasant it must be to it, the stores were shut up, banks a truly generous nature to participate closed, and business suspended as on in the usual felicities of the holiday. a Sunday. The churches also were season, and to observe the exultation for the most part opened in the morn- of the young at the tokens of affect ing, and the afternoon was given to tion they receive!

refreshment and mirth, being an al- The Saviour had not where to lay most universal holiday. The only His head, but His Scriptures are daily papers published in the United translated into a thousand languages, States, northward of New York, are and the grandest structures of the two at Boston, and they only, I be- modern world are the home of His

Death of Dr. Watson.

If some part of the English Christdesolate child. "Yes, I love Him me thinking how all the trees that sible, finish with masic. It carries to be traced among them. Blind- in, in 1808, and graduated with dispush-pin, robins-alive, etc., etc., to- Benjamin Dudley, in Lexington,

mince-pie and the spice-bowl, ren- manl ood and the evening star of age.

The Christian natious of the world

Church, and the temples of His wor-

which the wood-spirits might resort to shelter them from the nipping blasts of winter.

Even in rude times, Christmas has the power to mitigate the ferocities the power to mitigate the ferocities and the power to mitigate the ferocities are the power to mitigate the ferocities and the power to mitigate the ferocities are the power to mitigate the ferocities are the minimum and the savior's might resort the world honor the suniversary of the Savior's mitigate the ferocities are the savior's mitigate the ferocities are the mitigate the ferocities are the savior's mitigate the ferocities are the savior and the savior are the savior and the savior are the savior and the savior are th

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